

(c) ***Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access.*** A party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation "Motion to Seal." The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1. It appears that the requirements of LCvR 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been addressed.

By the instant motion, Defendants seek to seal their entire "...Memorandum In Support Of Defendants' Motion To Compel... (Document No. 111) and Exhibits A, B, and C (Document Nos. 111-1, 111-2, and 111-3). (Document No. 118). Defendants contend that "[t]here is no alternative to sealing," but provide no explanation for why these document cannot be redacted. Id.

Having considered the factors provided in LCvR 6.1(c), and Defendants' consent, the Court will grant the motion to seal. However, the undersigned respectfully disagrees that there is no alternative to sealing. It appears that all these documents could be redacted, and therefore, the Court will direct that publicly available redacted versions be promptly filed.

Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local Rule 6.1(e).

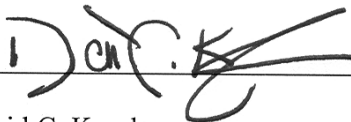
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that "Defendants' Motion To Seal October 30, 2024

Motion To Compel...” (Document No. 118) is **GRANTED**. Document Nos. 111, 111-1, 111-2, and 111-3 shall remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants’ counsel, following consultation with Plaintiffs’ counsel, shall file publicly available redacted versions of sealed Document Nos. 111, 111-1, 111-2, and 111-3, on or before **November 8, 2024**. Redactions should be applied only as necessary.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 1, 2024



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

